



# **Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education**

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**RE: Amendments to 603 CMR 46.00 Prevention of Physical Restraint and  
Requirements if Used**

Dear Superintendents, Charter School Leaders, Special Education Directors, and Directors of  
Approved Private Schools:

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has updated its restraint regulations  
training presentation to include areas of difference between the current regulations and the  
revised regulations set to take effect on January 1, 2016. This presentation is now available on  
the Department's Education Laws and Regulations web page at:  
<http://www.doe.mass.edu/lawsregs/603cmr46-UpdatedRequirements.pdf>.

We hope this updated presentation, designed for use during this transition period, will be of  
assistance as schools and districts prepare to meet the new requirements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russell Johnston".

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